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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

Claims 19-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 19-22 are rejected.

Claims 23-24 are objected to.

The Applicants have cancelled Claim 24 and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner. The limitations contained in Claim 24 is now part of the newly amended independent Claim 19.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 23-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

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Claims 19-22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee' 848. Independent Claim 19 has been amended to further to recite the limitations contained in dependent Claim 24, which is now cancelled as a result. The newly amended independent Claim 19 is therefore equivalent to Claim 24 being rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 19 which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 19, and its dependent Claims 20-22 is therefore respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claim 23 depends on dependent Claim 20, which in turn depends on the newly amended independent Claim 19. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 23 is likewise allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 23 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 19-23 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is

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respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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